

C. Crediting Like Work Experience for Training Purposes

Currently shaft and slope and construction workers are not required to take part 48 training in most instances. Following current policy, if a worker performs shaft and slope work for 12 months or more within 36 months and is then contracted to perform extraction and production work, the worker would not receive credit toward establishing experienced miner status for time already worked. MSHA is reviewing the possibility of allowing these workers to receive credit toward establishing the 12 months of mining experience required to maintain experienced miner status.

Another issue MSHA is considering is experienced miner credit for like work experience for a person from a non-mining environment. This would allow such a person working on mine property to be considered experienced for training purposes. A related issue is how the operator would document the existence of like work experience.

D. Independent Contractor Training

Current policy allows independent contractors to have their own training plan or use the mine operator's plan. Contractors can also conduct their own training, be trained by the operator, or use approved cooperative or state programs. MSHA is considering different language to make it easier for independent contractors and operators to determine what type of training (new miner, newly-employed experienced miner, or hazard) is required for independent contractors.

E. Completing and Signing Training Certificates (Form 5000-23)

MSHA is considering clarifying the legal responsibility of the person certifying that training is completed and who may sign the form and when. MSHA is also interested in comments on how computerized versions of Form 5000-23 can best be utilized within the existing regulatory framework.

III. Request for Comments

This notice covers the main points raised at the various public meetings. During the comment period, anyone may submit comments or suggestions related to any aspect of part 48 policy.

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Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

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Open Meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Small Nonroad Engine Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: FACA committee meeting—negotiated rulemaking on small nonroad engine regulations.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), EPA is giving notice of the next meeting of the Advisory Committee to negotiate the Phase II rule to reduce air emissions from small nonroad engines. Small nonroad engines are engines which are spark ignited gasoline engines less than 25 horsepower, including lawn mower, chain saw, and weed wacker engines. The meeting is open to the public without advance registration. Agenda items for the meeting include discussion of the emissions standard and standard structure. The Committee is hoping to finalize a series of recommendations to EPA regarding the control of emissions in Phase II of the rule.

DATES: The committee will meet on February 16, 1996 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The location of the meeting will be the Courtyard by Marriott, 3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, MI 48108; phone: (313) 995-5900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons needing further information on the substantive matters of the rule should contact Gay McGregor, National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, 2565 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, (313) 668-4438. Persons needing further information on committee procedural matters should call Deborah Dalton, Consensus and Dispute Resolution Program, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-5495, or the Committee's facilitators, Lucy Moore or John Folk-Williams, Western Network, 616 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501, (505) 982-9805.

Dated: January 19, 1996.

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Designated Federal Official.

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Clean Air Act Proposed Full Approval of Operating Permits Program: The United States Virgin Islands

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed full approval.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes full approval of the operating permits program submitted by the United States Virgin Islands for the purpose of complying with Federal requirements for an approvable state program to issue operating permits to all major stationary sources and to certain other sources.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by February 26, 1996. Written comments should be addressed to Steven C. Riva, Chief, Permitting and Toxics Support Section, at the New York Region II Office listed below.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the State's submittal and other supporting information used in developing the proposed full approval are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866, Attention: Steven C. Riva.

EPA Region II, Caribbean Field Office, Centro Europa Building, Suite 417, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Stop 22, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907-4127, Attention: Jose Ivan Guzman.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, Building 111, Apartment 14A, Water Gut Homes, Christainsted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00820. Attention: Leonard Reed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Umesh Dholakia, Permitting and Toxics Support Section, at the above EPA office in New York or at telephone number (212) 637-4023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose

As required under title V of the Clean Air Act ("the Act") as amended in 1990, EPA has promulgated rules which define the minimum elements of an approvable State operating permits program and the corresponding standards and procedures by which the EPA will approve, oversee, and withdraw approval of State operating permits programs (see 57 FR 32250 (July 21, 1992)). These rules are codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 70. Title V requires States to develop,